

A RESOLUTION to honor the Chattanooga State Technical
Community College Nursing Program for its
excellence in health care education.

WHEREAS, nurses constitute one of the most important groups in the health care system; they comprise the largest single group of health care personnel in hospitals and are essential to the functioning of the whole health care system; and

WHEREAS, increased technology, more patients, and reduced lengths of stay in institutions are increasing the demand for nursing services; and

WHEREAS, nurses must be highly skilled in caring for the complex health needs of the citizens of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Chattanooga State Technical Community College anticipated this need in 1982 and began to develop and implement a plan for nursing education, practice and research that is one of the finest in the state; and

WHEREAS, in 1982, the State Board of Regents approved the establishment of the Associate Degree Nursing Program at CSTCC, and the first class of 60 students was admitted in the fall of 1983; and

WHEREAS, under the superior guidance of program director Dr. Tanya Gorman, former school presidents Dr. Charles Branch and Dr. Harry Wagner, innovative approaches for providing nursing education were brought to the CSTCC campus. The program quickly became one of the most popular programs in school history; and

WHEREAS, this phenomenal growth required a fifty percent increase in nursing faculty by 1988, necessitating the program's move to the Erlanger Medical Center, where Dr. Gorman

became Dean of Nursing and Allied Health, and Dr. Cynthia Swafford was recruited to direct the nursing program; and

WHEREAS, the arrival of Dr. James Catanzaro as CSTCC's President in 1990 signaled yet another period of growth and prominence for the nursing program as the curriculum and its components became a model for use by the League of Nursing for other programs throughout the nation; and

WHEREAS, the CSTCC Nursing Program is fully accredited by the National League of Nursing and their success rate for first-time writers of the National Council Licensure Examinations RN test has consistently exceeded the state average; and

WHEREAS, Chattanooga State's faculty and administration have been lauded for their incomparable support of, and unique approaches, to quality nursing education, including their non-traditional program for night students, their enrichment program which identifies and provides support for at-risk students and their minority resource service; and

WHEREAS, the Student Nurses' Association, an affiliate of the Tennessee and American Nurses' Association, is highly active on the Chattanooga State campus with some past and present members holding distinguished state positions; and

WHEREAS, the faculty has developed and maintained a strong collegial relationship with health care providers and facilities in the area. CSTCC also provides community-based nursing at two vocational high schools for young mothers enrolled in child care courses; and

WHEREAS, many CSTCC nursing program alumni pursue higher degrees in health-related fields and many others hold leadership, management, and policymaking positions in the Chattanooga community and throughout the state, as the program graduates more than 120 students each year; and

WHEREAS, this May 13th, Chattanooga State Technical Community College will graduate its 1000th student from the Nursing Program; and

WHEREAS, it is only appropriate that the members of this General Assembly join with the administration, faculty, students, and alumni in celebrating this important milestone, and it is

fitting that we hereby commend the staff for their tremendous contributions to a worthy and necessary program:

Dr. James Catanzaro, President,
Dr. Tanya Gorman, Dean Nursing and Allied Health,
Dr. Cynthia Swafford, Director,
Jocelyn Bryant, Assistant Professor of Nursing,
Joyce Campbell, Assistant Professor of Nursing,
Gay Cohen, Assistant Professor of Nursing,
JoAnne Favors, Assistant Professor of Nursing,
Betsy Green, Associate Professor of Nursing,
Yolanda Green, Assistant Professor of Nursing,
Hennie Gunter, Assistant Professor of Nursing,
Brian Hubbard, Nursing Instructor,
Robin Hoffecker, Nursing Instructor,
Shirley Kilgore, Associate Professor of Nursing,
Marcy Leaf, Nursing Instructor,
Cheryl Miller, Assistant Professor of Nursing,
Cindy Morgan, Assistant Professor of Nursing,
Kathy Puri, Nursing Instructor,
Beth Scott, Clinical Lab Coordinator, and
Sarah Smith, Nursing Instructor; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Chattanooga State Technical Community College and the faculty and administration of CSTCC's Nursing Program for the tremendous contribution they have made to the future of quality health care in our state.

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